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### Clean Up Portland Harbor

Letter

Dr. Ms. McCarthy, The proposed cleanup of the Portland Harbor is a big win for industry and a bad deal for the public. EPA's cleanup proposal tackles just 8% of a site area that is 100% toxic. A more aggressive plan is needed to prevent even more harm to human health and the environment. On behalf of all people who rely on the river for food, recreation, employment and culture, I urge the EPA to implement a plan that: Moves quickly and sustainably reduces contaminants causing harm to Willamette and Columbia River resources. Includes ongoing monitoring and cleanup upriver and downriver from the site. Contributes to healthy fish that are safe to eat for all people. Holds polluters accountable for creating a safer Portland Harbor. These elements get us closer to the plan our communities deserve. And I deserve a clean, safe Portland Harbor. \*Submitted during the comment period between June 9, 2016 to August 8, 2016 regarding the EPA's Portland Harbor Feasibility Study and Proposed Plan.

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A letter to the EPA from Portland Resident (b) (6)

I'm sure the EPA is having fun trying to get these companies to listen to the science and commit to clean-up plans with valid teeth in them. Right?

What's most important to Portland citizens, Native groups, and fishermen is that this clean-up is persistent and thorough for not just this year and next, but for decades. I think the EPA is critical in making sure the proper monitoring takes place. I think it's critical that technological improvements in clean-up techniques be taken into account. I think it's critical that new discoveries about PCB's be taken into account.

I want the EPA to know that there are citizens and groups on the ground here in Portland that know what's going on. Groups and individuals who pay attention. Groups and individuals who will be able to tell the story, 20 or 40 years from now, describing to people why the river was or was not adequately cleaned up.

Did the EPA back down? Was the law and were the courts too weak to stand up to the companies? Was the public too distracted with other things to give the EPA back-up?

Don't back down. Make the resolution tougher if you can. Make the teeth, the penalties, the obligations very strong. Consider the long term financial gains from cleaning up the river and public health, versus short term costs. I believe that businesses will survive in these ports, no matter how much they whine about not wanting to make this waterway non-toxic. Wage public relations campaigns if you have to. Call on the people of Portland to back you up. The movement is strong enough here for you to do that.

I work for KBOO here in Portland and had citizen group leaders in our station, live on our news show, talking about the settlement and the latest claims by pollution groups that they'd like to see the EPA out of the equation. We don't want to see that happen. Despite the companies' constant attacks, we have your back.

Load up your ammo and don't back down to these people. We got your back.